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1. Last fall the "Army Group Nord" had three full divisions, many "Kaderverbände" of the different services which were part of the "Territorialverwaltung" Schwerin, Leipzig and Dresden, and also other "Kaderverbände" located in the neighborhood of Berlin and belonging to the Ministry of Interior. Later the "Kaderverbände" and units of "Army Group Nord" were gathered into new divisions and today the army group has seven divisions, more or less complete. The divisions and regiments are now called "Bereitschäften" and "Kommandoes".
2. The Soviet Zone of Germany is now divided into three military areas of about the same size:
 - a. In northern area, Army Group Nord, (Maj. Gen. Rentsch in Pasewalk). To this army group belongs:

Infantry division Prenzlau
Mechanized division Eggesin
New infantry division Schwerin (Part of its in Pora).
 - b. In the middle area the mechanized division Potsdam was formed as the elite unit of the ministry. The mechanized regiments of the division are located in Oranienburg, Potsdam and Brandenburg-Hohenstücken, the armored units in Oranienburg and Burg, and the artillery and AA units in Glommen and Kirchmöser. Beside this there are in the middle area five regiments of engineers and other special troops. This mechanized division is not yet complete, but is well started. Commanding officer is Col. Pilz.

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c. In southern area is the "Army Group Süd", commanding officer Maj. Gen. Vogel, headquarters in Leipzig. To this group belongs:

Mechanized division Dresden
 Infantry division Halle
 Infantry division Erfurt.

The mechanized division Dresden was made of "Kaderverbände". The three mechanized regiments are located in Löbau, Frankenberg and Marienberg, the armored units in Sporemberg, and the artillery and AA units in Zittau. The infantry regiments of division Halle are located in Halle, Leipzig and Weizenfelds, the armored in Zeithain, and the artillery and AA units in Halle and Weiszenfelds. The infantry regiments of the division Erfurt are located in Mülhausen, Gotha and Gera, the armor in Gera, and the artillery and AA units in Erfurt and Gotha.

3. The seven divisions have altogether 65070 thousand men. All their equipment is of Soviet origin. The ten armored regiments of the seven divisions have about 700 "tanks and SP guns. About 100 of these guns are in other units. Since September weapons and materiel have arrived direct from the Soviet Union.

4. Besides the divisions and the supply units there are 25 schools for the education of officers, technical, supply and hospital personnel. Altogether there are at the schools and in the troops 90-95 thousand men. The navy and the air force have together 10-12 thousand men.

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